

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 817  
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lee Workman upon her selection as Lincoln Middle School and Hamblen County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee Workman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Workman has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Lincoln Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding 24-year tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, in March, Director of Schools Dr. Dale Lynch surprised Ms. Workman with a bouquet of balloons and shared with her the wonderful news that she had additionally earned the honor of Hamblen County Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight; and

WHEREAS, she will now compete on the regional level, and the regional winner, to be announced at the end of March, will be eligible to be selected as State Teacher of the Year in October; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as an algebra and pre-algebra teacher at Lincoln Middle School, Lee Workman graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Math; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Workman is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, at Lincoln Middle School, Ms. Workman serves as Co-Chair of the School Improvement Committee and sponsors the eighth-grade Student Service Council; she has previously served as Assistant Scholastic Bowl Coach, Beta Club sponsor, and Grade Level Chair; and

WHEREAS, Lee Workman truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she also serves the next generation of educators as a mentor and tutor for numerous practicum students, as well as first-year teachers; and

WHEREAS, a Career Level III teacher, Lee Workman co-wrote the Hamblen County Curriculum Guide and Pacing Guide for eighth grade mathematics; she has also led numerous in-service workshops on curriculum implementation, teaching strategies, and computer training; and

WHEREAS, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Ms. Workman has served for two years as Treasurer, two years as Sorority Education Coordinator, and two years as Recording Secretary for this worthy organization, an honorary sorority for female educators; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of her community, Lee Workman attends Manley Baptist Church, where she has served as a Church Training Leader, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School leader, Youth Choir leader, and Adult Choir member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Workman is also a proud supporter of the arts, providing costumes and meals for cast members of Rose Center productions and East-West school musicals; she has generously given of her time, talents, and treasure to organize fundraisers for St. Jude's and Project Graduation; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Lee Workman should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Lee Workman on being chosen as Lincoln Middle School and Hamblen County Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to

the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her luck and all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.